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### 1. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY REPORTS RENEWED HEAVY FIGHTING ALONG  
CAMBODIAN/VIET BORDER AS REPORTED RADIO HANOI THURS. UPI  
BANGKOK (CHITRIB) QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT HANOI MAY FEAR  
CAMBODIAN STRIKES COULD BE START OF ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE TO  
CAPTURE HA TIEN/MARSHY SALIENT ON WHICH IT STANDS. NYDN  
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(BANGKOK) OBSERVES SRV APPEARED MORE CONCERNED OVER INCURSION  
THAN OVER SIMILAR RAIDS FARTHER NORTH IN RECENT MONTHS.  
YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THURS FROM PP THAT CAMBODIAN  
LEADERS SAID THEY WERE READY NEGOTIATE SOLUTION TO BORDER  
CONFLICT, QUOTING "RESPONSIBLE QUARTERS" AS HAVING SAID IF  
VN AGREED TO RESPECT NATL INDEPENDENCE/SOVEREIGNTY/  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CAMBODIA/ITS RIGHT TO DECIDE ITS  
FUTURE, THEN OBSTACLES PREVENTING GOOD/FRIENDLY RELS BETWN  
2 WOULD DISAPPEAR (AP BELGRADE, NYT/SUN; WP'S SHARKEY;  
GLOBE; NYT BANGKOK).

2. VIETNAM

SRV OBSERVED 10TH ANNIVERSARY MY LAI MASSACRE THURS, REPORTED IT FOUND "NEW EVIDENCE" OF US WAR CRIMES, THO DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS. VIET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED 7,900 PERSONS WERE MOVED FROM "US PUPPET CONCENTRATION CAMPS" INTO MY LAI DISTRICT/WITHIN YR HAD REACHED SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD. SAID VILLAGE, "ONCE A SYMBOL OF ANNIHILATION, IS TODAY A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION" (GLOBE). SUN RUNS AP PHOTO MEMORIAL TO MY LAI MASSACRE WHICH DEPICTS WOMAN W/ FIST RAISED, HOLDING DEAD CHILD W/WOUNDED SPRAWLED AT HER FEET.

3. CHINA

PRC FONMIN INFO DEPT FRI SAID IT COULD CONFIRM US REPORTS THAT PEKING TESTED NUKE DEVICE THIS WK, BUT IT GAVE NO DETAILS (REUTER PEKING).

NCNA COMMENTARY FRI DENOUNCED ISRAEL'S STRIKE INTO LEBANON AS BARBAROUS INVASION BY ARROGANT AGGRESSORS/ BEASTLY VIOLATION OF LEBANESE TERRITORY/UNFORGIVABLE CRIME UNCLASSIFIED

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BY ZIONISTS AGAINST PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB PEOPLE (REUTER PEKING).

4. JAPAN

GOVT SOURCES SAID THURS THAT GOI HAS TURNED DOWN REQUEST BY SOVIET EXTERNAL TRANSPORT CORP AND 3 JAPANESE FIRMS TO START JOINT SHIPPING BROKERAGE, BECAUSE OF "POSSIBLE THREAT" TO JAPAN'S SECURITY (UPI, JOC TOKYO).

SONY CHRMN MORITA TELLS STOCK ANALYSTS HIS FIRM EXPECTS PROFITS FOR FY ENDING OCT 31 TO BE CONSIDERABLY AFFECTED IF DOL CONTINUES DECLINE, ALTHO TOTAL SALES FOR YR SHOULD RISE (WSJ; REUTER 3/16).

UPI REPORTS JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN IN PITTSBURGH SAID WEDS THAT WITH PRICE OF US COAL BOUND TO RISE AFTER UMW STRIKE SETTLED, JAPANESE STEELMAKERS WILL TRY REDUCE AMOUNT US COAL THEY PURCHASE. SAID BOP PRESSURES/HI QUALITY US COAL WILL LIMIT IMPACT HIGHER PRICES (JOC).

SEVEN JAPANESE ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURERS ANNOUNCED THURS THE SOON WILL BEGIN SELLING COLOR VIDEOCASSETTE RECORDERS ("BETAFORMAT STANDARD") IN EUROPE. UPI NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT MEANS EUROPEAN BUYERS WILL BE ABLE USE CASSETTE TAPE PRODUCED BY ONE FIRM ON VIDEOCASSETTE RECORDER MANUFACTURED BY ANOTHER (UPI, JOC TOKYO).

5. JAPAN/BURMA

MITSUBISHI GROUP FIRMS HAVE SIGNED 128-MIL-DOL CONTRACT TO BUILD LARGE REFINERY IN BURMA'S MANN OIL DISTRICT. REFINERY, W/CAPACITY 25,000 BARRELS/DAY, EXPECTED BE COMPLETED IN '81 (UPI TOKYO, JOC).

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES/AUSTRALIA  
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IMMIGRATION/ETHNIC MIN ANNOUNCED WEDS THAT AUSTRALIA WILL ACCEPT 2,000 MORE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES BY JUNE, BRINGING TO 9,000 TOTAL NUMBER IN COUNTRY. FOLLOWING MTG W/UNHCR, HE SAID THEY WOULD BE SELECTED FROM CAMPS IN THAILAND/MALAYSIA. NUMBER REFUGEES GOA WILL ACCEPT AFTER JUNE WAS LEFT OPEN, TO BE DISCUSSED W/UNHCR. MIN SAID GOA MINDFUL OF ITS INTL OBLIGATIONS IN MAKING ITS DECISION/HOPED ITS EXAMPLE WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES ACCEPT MORE (NYT SYDNEY; REUTER CANBERRA 3/16).

7. INDONESIA

NATL ACADEMY SCIENCES' CMTE ON HUMAN RTS CALLED ON GOI TUES TO PROVIDE INFO ABOUT 4 SCIENTISTS MISSING/IMPRISONED FOR UP TO 13 YRS. ACADEMY SAID 4 (W KAMIL, MADE SUTAYASA, BURSONO WIWOHO, KAMALUDDIN SINGGIH) SUBJECT OF INQUIRIES AT INDO EMB IN WASHINGTON SINCE SEPT (REUTER, NYT).

8. KOREA

SECOND DAY FRASER SUBCMTE HEARINGS (3/16) REVEALED FORMER DOS KOREAN DESK OFFICER DONALD RANARD/US INTELL AGENTS IN KOREA WERE CONVINCED IN EARLY '70S THAT TONGSUN PARK WAS UNDER KCIA CONTROL. RANARD SAID HE, LIKE US AGENTS, BELIEVED PARK "HAD AN INTEGRAL...VERY IMPORTANT ROLE" IN SK GOVT'S INFLUENCE-BUYING ACTIVITY. REP FRASER (D-MINN) ALSO SAID HE HAD SEEN SECRET CABLE TRAFFIC CONCERNING PARK/WAS CONVINCED PARK WORKED FOR SKG. RANARD ALSO STATED HE DETERMINED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT PARK "HAD SOME SORT OF EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP" W/SKG/THAT HE, AND AT TIME IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR WINTHROP BROWN (HEAD OF BUREAU OF FE AFFAIRS), BOTH URGED US AMB IN SEOUL IN '71 TELL SKG "RE-  
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CALL" PARK (REID,WP; DE SILVA, REUTER 3/16; JACKSON, LAT 3/16).

PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN LIM SANG-HYUN FRI CATEGORICALLY DENIED CHARGE OF REP FRASER THAT SECRET '70 MEETINGS TOOK

PLACE IN "BLUE HOUSE" TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR COVERT LOBBYING IN WASHINGTON (REUTER SEOUL).

VOLZ (NYDN) REPORTS FORMER REPS GALLAGHER (D-NJ)/MINSHALL (R-OHIO) SECRETLY OFFERED IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION BY HOUSE ETHICS CMTE IN EXCHANGE FOR TESTIMONY IN KOREAN PAYOFF SCANDAL.

ROBINSON (WP) REPORTS FEDRL INVESTIGATORS NOW EXPLORING WHETHER LOCKHEED CORP ILLEGALLY PROVIDED SK TECHNICAL DATA RE SOLID ROCKET PROPELLANTS. COURT AFFIDAVITS CLAIM LOCKHEED APPLIED TO DOS' MUNITIONS CONTROL OFFICE IN '74 FOR PERMISSION PROVIDE SK DATA ON PROPELLANTS BUT ASKED FEW MONTHS LATER THAT APPLICATION BE W/DRAWN. USG CLAIMS DATA PROVIDED ANYWAY BY COMPANY, DESPITE LACK OF PERMIT.

REUTER (3/16) REPORTS US CUSTOMS AGENTS HAVE SEIZED DOCUMENTS FROM LOCKHEED CORP AS PART OF INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE ILLEGAL SUPPLY OR ROCKET TECHNOLOGY BY FIRM TO ROKG, ACCORDING TO COURT DOCUMENTS FILED THURS.

US-SK FRI COMPLETED 11 DAYS OF 3-PRONGED MIL MANEUVERS ("TEAM SPIRIT 1978"), DESCRIBED BY GEN VESSEY AS VERY SUCCESSFUL. RECALLING HE HAD TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE CHOSEN WITHDRAW US GROUND FORCES FROM SK, VESSEY TOLD FRI NEWS CONF--WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD SAME OPINION AFTER MIL MANEUVERS--THAT HE HAS NOT CHANGED MIND, BUT THOUGHT PRES CARTER'S W/DRAWAL PLAN SOUND (REUTER SEOUL).

NYDN BRIEF REPORTS ALEXANDRA FISH, DAUGHTER OF REP FISH UNCLASSIFIED

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(R-NY), JOINED COMMUNITY GROUP IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT ALLEGEDLY HAS TIES W/SUN MYUNG MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH. REP FISH SAID DAUGHTER HAS NOT ACTUALLY JOINED MOON CHURCH, BUT IS LIVING W/GROUP AFFILIATED W/MOON.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 9. CAMBODIA

WM BUCKLEY DOES SCATHING PIECE (WSTAR 3/16) ON HUMAN RTS IN CAMBODIA, WHICH, HE SAYS, LEADS LIST OF CRIMINAL STATES. QUOTES INTL RESCUE CMTE'S LEO CHERNE, WHO RECENTLY VISITED SEASIA W/CMTE, THAT EVENTS IN CAMBODIA CONTINUE MAKE IT "LAND SO INHUMAN" THAT ONE WONDERS WHETHER "HERE, FINALLY, IS A PLACE WHERE THE LIVING ENVY THE DSAD."

BUCKLEY SAYS LITANY BECOMES "ALL THE MORE HORRIBLE" FOR ITS FAILURE AROUSE ATTENTION. WONDERS WHY UN HAS NOT ACTED/ ASKS WHEREABOUTS REP MCCLOSKEY, "WHO MADE A CAREER FOR

MONTHS OF BEWAILING THE FATE OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES?"/WHERE  
IS LEAD EDIT IN "NEW YORKER," THAT WROTE ABOUT HOW W/

NIXON'S INCURSION "WE HAD FOREVER RUINED THE PASTORAL LIFE  
OF THE CAMBODIANS?" AND--BIGGEST OF ALL--"WHERE IN THE  
NAME OF GOD" IS PRES CARTER, "WHO ELEVATED HUMAN RIGHTS  
TO HIS RIGHT SIDE ON ASCENDING THE THRONE AT THE WHITE  
HOUSE?"

10. PHILIPPINES

DESPITE LACK OF WOMEN'S LIB/REPUTATION FOR WINNING BEAUTY  
CONTESTS/STRONGLY ROMAN CATHOLIC HISTORY, NYT'S BUTTER-  
FIELD (MANILA) SAYS FILIPINA WOMEN HAVE BEEN MORE SUCCESS-  
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FUL IN PURSUING CAREERS THAN THOSE ANYWHERE ELSE IN ASIA/  
IN PROFESSIONAL LIVES THEY SEEM FACE LESS DISCRIMINATION  
THAN AMERICAN WOMEN. SAYS THEY OWN 1/3 ALL REGISTERED  
BUSINESSES IN PHILS, MAKE UP 1/2 NATION'S DOCTORS/60 PCT  
COLLEGE STUDENTS/71 PCT GRAD STUDENTS; SEVERAL ON BOARDS  
LARGEST BANKS/CORPS, ONE ON SUPREME COURT. NOTES JUDGE  
PALMA OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "FIRST WOMAN AND ONLY MAN"  
ON COURT, WHILE IMELDA MARCOS CALLED "SECOND MOST POWERFUL  
MAN" IN PHILS.

BUTTERFIELD SAYS UNCERTAIN WHY FILIPINAS SO SUCCESSFUL/  
QUOTES IMELDA THAT MYTH OF CREATION MAY BE RESPONSIBLE:  
UNLIKE VIEW OF CREATION WHERE WOMAN TAKEN FROM RIB OF  
MAN/AUTOMATICALLY BECAME INFERIOR, SHE EXPLAINED  
FILIPINOS HAVE LEGEND OF BAMBOO SPLITTING OPEN AND MAN/  
WOMAN EMERGING EQUALLY.

11. KOREA

WSJ'S THARP (SEOUL) DECLARES THAT WHILE KOREA, TO US  
PUBLIC MEMORY, MAY BE VIEWED IN TERMS OF OLD WAR AND  
PRESENT TONGSUN PARK SCANDAL, IMPORTANT/DRAMATIC CHANGE HAS  
BEEN QUIETLY TAKING PLACE IN OVERALL US-SK RELATIONSHIP.  
CITES AMB SNEIDER SAYING IN RECENT SPEECH: "WE SEE BEFORE  
US THE END OF THE AMERICAN 'BIG BROTHER' RELATIONSHIP  
WITH KOREA...OUR 2 COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED HARD TOGETHER  
TO MAKE POSSIBLE A MORE BALANCED, EQUITABLE RELATIONSHIP."

THARP SAYS THAT, ESSENTIALLY, TH;S NEW RELATIONSHIP MEANS  
SK IS BECOMING LESS MATERIALLY DEPENDENT ON US, AND AS  
RESULT WE WON'T HAVE AS MUCH INFLUENCE THERE; ALSO MEANS,  
IN FUTURE, THERE WILL BE BILATERAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION/  
DISAGREEMENTS THAT WON'T BE SOLVED BY US PRESSURE. CAU-  
TIONS THAT UNLESS THERE IS COMPREHENSIVE RECOGNITION IN  
US OF NEW SK STATUS, INCREASINGLY VALUABLE ALLY COULD BE  
JEOPARDIZED. VANCE

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